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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2600

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Sections 60603, 60604, 60607, 60611, 60630, 60640, 60641, 60643, 60643.6, and 60648 of, and to amend the heading of Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640) of Chapter 5 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to pupil assessment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2600, as amended, Bonilla. Pupil assessment: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.

Existing law establishes the Measurement of Academic Performance and Progress (MAPP), commencing with the 2013–14 school year, for the assessment of certain elementary and secondary pupils. The MAPP is composed of a consortium summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8, inclusive, and grade 11, as specified; science grade level assessments in grades 5, 8, and 10, measuring specified content standards; the California Alternate Performance Assessment in grades 2 to 11, inclusive, in English language arts and mathematics and science in grades 5, 8, and 10, as specified; and the Early Assessment Program. Existing law specifies numerous policies and procedures with respect to the development and the implementation of the MAPP by the Superintendent of Public

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Instruction, the State Board of Education, and affected local educational agencies.

This bill would change the name of the MAPP to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), and would make conforming changes. *The bill would also update cross-references and make clarifying and nonsubstantive changes*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 60603 of the Education Code is amended 2 to read:
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- (a) "Achievement level descriptors" means a narrative description of the knowledge, skills, and processes expected of pupils at different grade levels and at different performance levels on achievement tests.
 - (b) "Achievement test" means any summative standardized test that measures the level of performance that a pupil has achieved on state-adopted content standards.
 - (c) "California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)" means the comprehensive assessment system, inclusive of consortium-developed assessments, that has the primary purpose of modeling and promoting high-quality teaching and instruction using a variety of assessment approaches and item types.
 - (d) "Census administration" means a test administration in which all pupils take comparable assessments of the same content and where results of individual performance are appropriate and meaningful to parents, pupils, and teachers.
 - (e) "Computer-adaptive assessment" means a computer-based test that utilizes a computer program to adjust the difficulty of test items throughout a testing session based on a test taker's responses to previous test items during that testing session.
 - (f) "Computer-based assessment" means a test administered using an electronic computing device.
- 27 (g) "Consortium" means a multistate collaborative organized 28 to develop a comprehensive system of assessments or formative 29 tools such as described in Section 60605.7.

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(h) "Constructed-response questions" means a type of assessment item that requires pupils to construct their own answers.

- (i) "Content standards" means the specific academic knowledge, skills, and abilities that all public schools in this state are expected to teach, and all pupils are expected to learn, in reading, writing, mathematics, history-social science, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, and science, at each grade level tested.
- (j) "Diagnostic assessment" means an assessment of particular knowledge or skills a pupil has or has not yet achieved for the purpose of informing instruction and making placement decisions.
- (k) "End of course examination" "End-of-course examination" means a comprehensive and challenging assessment of pupil achievement in a particular subject area or discipline.
- (*l*) "Field test" means an assessment or assessment items administered to a representative sample of a population to ensure that the test or item produces results that are valid, reliable, and fair.
- (m) "Formative assessment tools" means assessment tools and processes that are embedded in instruction and used by teachers and pupils to provide timely feedback for purposes of adjusting instruction to improve learning.
- (n) "High-quality assessment" means an assessment designed to measure a pupil's knowledge of, understanding of, and ability to apply, critical concepts through the use of a variety of item types and formats, including, but not necessarily limited to, items that allow for constructed responses and items that require the completion of performance tasks. A high-quality assessment should have the following characteristics:
- (1) Enable measurement of pupil achievement and pupil growth to the extent feasible.
- (2) Be of high technical quality by being valid, reliable, fair, and aligned to standards.
 - (3) Incorporate technology where appropriate.
- (4) Include the assessment of pupils with disabilities and English learners.
- (5) Use, to the extent feasible, universal design principles, as defined in Section 3 of the federal Assistive Technology Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 3002) in its development and administration.
- (o) "Interim assessment" means an assessment that is designed to be given at regular intervals throughout the school year to

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evaluate a pupil's knowledge and skills relative to a specific set of academic standards, and produces results that can be aggregated by course, grade level, school, or local educational agency in order to inform teachers and administrators at the pupil, classroom, school, and local educational agency levels.

- (p) "Local educational agency" means a county office of education, school district, state special school, or direct-funded charter school as described in Section 47651.
- (q) "Matrix sampling" means administering different portions of a single assessment to different groups of pupils for the purpose of sampling a broader representation of content and reducing testing time.
- (r) "Performance standards" are standards that define various levels of competence at each grade level in each of the curriculum areas for which content standards are established. Performance standards gauge the degree to which a pupil has met the content standards and the degree to which a school or school district has met the content standards.
- (s) "Performance tasks" are a collection of questions or activities that relate to a single scenario that include pupil interaction with stimulus. Performance tasks are a means to assess more complex skills such as writing, research, and analysis.
- (t) "Personally identifiable information" includes a pupil's name and other direct personal identifiers, such as the pupil's identification number. Personally identifiable information also includes indirect identifiers, such as the pupil's address and personal characteristics, or other information that would make the pupil's identity easily traceable through the use of a single or multiple data sources, including publicly available information.
- (u) "Population sampling" means administering assessments to a representative sample of pupils instead of the entire pupil population. The sample of pupils shall be representative in terms of various pupil subgroups, including, but not necessarily limited to, English learners and pupils with disabilities.
- (v) "Recently arrived English learner" means a pupil designated as an English learner who is in his or her first 12 months of attending a school in the United States.
- (w) "State-determined assessment calendar" means the scheduling of assessments, exclusive of those subject area assessments listed in subdivision (b) of Section 60640, over several

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years on a predetermined schedule. Content areas and grades shall only be assessed after being publicly announced at least two school years in advance of the assessment.

- (x) "Summative assessment" means an assessment designed to be given near the end of the school year to evaluate a pupil's knowledge and skills relative to a specific set of academic standards.
- SEC. 2. Section 60604 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 60604. (a) The Superintendent shall design and implement, consistent with the timetable and plan required pursuant to subdivision (b), a statewide pupil assessment system consistent with the testing requirements of this article in accordance with the objectives set forth in Section 60602.5. That system shall include all of the following:
- (1) Exclusive of the consortium assessments, a plan for producing or adopting valid, fair, and reliable achievement tests as recommended by the Superintendent and adopted by the state board pursuant to the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) established by Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640).
- (2) A plan for administering the consortium summative assessment as outlined by the joint agreement of the consortium.
- (3) Statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards that reflect the knowledge and complex skills that pupils will need in order to succeed in the information-based, global economy of the 21st century. These skills shall not include personal behavioral standards or skills, including, but not limited to, honesty, sociability, ethics, or self-esteem.
- (4) A statewide system that provides the results of testing in a manner that reflects the degree to which pupils are achieving the academically rigorous content and performance standards adopted by the state board.
- (5) The alignment of assessment with the statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards adopted by the state board.
- (6) The active, ongoing involvement of parents, classroom teachers, administrators, other educators, governing board members of school districts, business community members, institutions of

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higher education, and the public in all phases of the design and implementation of the statewide pupil assessment system.

- (7) A plan for ensuring the security and integrity of the CAASPP assessments.
- (8) The development of a contract or contracts with a contractor for the development or administration of achievement tests and performance tasks aligned to state-adopted content standards, including summative assessments or assessments that employ matrix sampling or population sampling methods.
- (b) The Superintendent shall develop and annually update for the Legislature a five-year cost projection, implementation plan for the CAASPP, and a timetable for implementing the system described in Section 60640. The annual update shall be submitted on or before March 1 of each year to the Department of Finance, the state board, and the respective chairpersons of the appropriate fiscal subcommittees considering budget appropriations and the appropriate policy committees in each house. The update shall explain any significant variations from the five-year cost projection for the current year budget and the proposed budget.
- (c) The Superintendent shall make resources available that are designed to assist with the interpretation and use of the CAASPP results to promote the use of the results for purposes of improving pupil learning and educational programs across the full curriculum. The Superintendent shall consider information already provided by assessment consortia to which California belongs or assessment contractors when fulfilling this requirement.
- (d) The Superintendent shall make information and resources available to parents, teachers, pupils, administrators, school board members, and the public regarding the CAASPP, including, but not necessarily limited to, system goals, purposes, scoring systems, results, valid uses of assessments, and information on the relationship between performance on the previous state assessments and the CAASPP.
- (e) The Superintendent and the state board shall consider comments and recommendations from teachers, administrators, pupil representatives, institutions of higher education, and the public in the development, adoption, and approval of assessment instruments.
- (f) The results of the achievement tests, exclusive of the consortium summative assessments, administered pursuant to

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Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640), shall be returned to the local educational agencies within the period of time specified by the state board.

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- SEC. 3. Section 60607 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 60607. (a) Each pupil shall have an individual record of accomplishment by the end of grade 12 that includes the results of the achievement test required and administered annually as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), or any predecessor assessments, established pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640), results of end-of-course examinations he or she has taken, and the vocational education certification examinations he or she chose to take.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that local educational agencies and schools use the results of the academic achievement tests administered annually as part of the CAASPP to provide support to pupils and parents or guardians in order to assist pupils in strengthening their development as learners, and thereby to improve their academic achievement and performance in subsequent assessments.
- (c) (1) Except for research provided for in former Section 49079.6, as it read on December 31, 2013, researchers or research entities identified in subdivision (f) of Section 49079.5 or subdivision (c) of Section 49079.7, as applicable, a pupil's results or a record of accomplishment shall be private, and may not be released to any person, other than the pupil's parent or guardian and a teacher, counselor, or administrator directly involved with the pupil, without the express written consent of either the parent or guardian of the pupil if the pupil is a minor, or the pupil if the pupil has reached the age of majority or is emancipated.
- (2) (A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of pupil results or a record of accomplishment to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, or admission.
- (B) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the results of an individual pupil on the CAASPP may be released to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, or admission.
- 39 SEC. 4. Section 60611 of the Education Code is amended to 40 read:

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60611. A local educational agency, district superintendent of schools, or principal or teacher of any elementary or secondary school, including a charter school, shall not carry on any program for the sole purpose of test preparation of pupils for the statewide pupil assessment system or a particular test used in the statewide pupil assessment system. Nothing in this section prohibits the use of materials to familiarize pupils with item types or the computer-based testing environment used in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.

SEC. 5. Section 60630 of the Education Code is amended to read:

60630. (a) The Superintendent shall prepare and submit, and subsequently post on the Internet Web site of the department, an annual report to the state board containing an analysis of the results and test scores of the summative assessments administered pursuant to Section 60640. The Superintendent shall notify the state board and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature that the annual report is available on the Internet Web site of the department.

- (b) The Superintendent shall post a periodic update on the implementation of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress on the Internet Web site of the department, and notify the state board and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature that the update is available on the Internet Web site of the department.
- SEC. 6. The heading of Article 4 (commencing with Section 60640) of Chapter 5 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code is amended to read:

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- SEC. 7. Section 60640 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 35 60640. (a) There is hereby established the California 36 Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, to be known as 37 the CAASPP.
- 38 (b) Commencing with the 2013–14 school year, the CAASPP shall be composed of all of the following:

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(1) (A) A consortium summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8, inclusive, and grade 11 that measures content standards adopted by the state board.

- (B) In the 2013–14 school year, the consortium summative assessment in English language arts and mathematics shall be a field test only, to enable the consortium to gauge the validity and reliability of these assessments and to conduct all necessary psychometric procedures and studies, including, but not necessarily limited to, achievement standard setting, and to allow the department to conduct studies regarding full implementation of the assessment system. These field tests and results shall not be used for any other purpose, including the calculation of any accountability measure.
- (2) (A) Science grade level assessments in grades 5, 8, and 10 that measure content standards *adopted* pursuant to Section 60605, until a successor assessment is implemented pursuant to subparagraph (B).
- (B) For science assessments, the Superintendent shall make a recommendation to the state board as soon as is feasible after the adoption of science content standards pursuant to Section 60605.85 regarding the assessment of the newly adopted standards. Before making recommendations, the Superintendent shall consult with stakeholders, including, but not necessarily limited to, California science teachers, individuals with expertise in assessing English learners and pupils with disabilities, parents, and measurement experts, regarding the grade level and type of assessment. The recommendations shall include cost estimates and a plan for implementation of at least one assessment in each of the following grade spans:
 - (i) Grades 3 to 5, inclusive.
- 32 (ii) Grades 6 to 9, inclusive.

- (iii) Grades 10 to 12, inclusive.
- (3) The California Alternate Performance Assessment in grades 2 to 11, inclusive, in English language arts and mathematics and science in grades 5, 8, and 10, which measures content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605 until a successor assessment is implemented. The successor assessment shall be limited to the grades and subject areas assessed pursuant to paragraph (1) and subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2).

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(4) The Early Assessment Program established by Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 99300) of Part 65 of Division 14 of Title 3.

- (5) (A) The department shall make available to local educational agencies a primary language assessment aligned to the English language arts standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605, as it read on January 1, 2013, for assessing pupils who are enrolled in a dual language immersion program that includes the primary language of the assessment and who are either nonlimited English proficient or redesignated fluent English proficient. The cost for the *primary language* assessment shall be the same for all local educational agencies, and shall not exceed the marginal cost of the assessment, including any cost the department incurs to implement this section.
- (B) A local educational agency may administer a primary language assessment aligned to the English language arts standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605, as it read on January 1, 2013, at its own expense, and shall enter into an agreement for that purpose with the testing contractor. If the local educational agency chooses to administer a primary language assessment pursuant to this paragraph, the department shall reimburse the local educational agency for its costs, including a per pupil apportionment to administer the assessment pursuant to subdivision (*l*). The department shall determine the procedures for reimbursement.
- (C) The Superintendent shall consult with stakeholders, including assessment and English learner experts, to determine the content and purpose of a stand-alone language arts summative assessment in primary languages other than English that aligns with the English-language English language arts content standards. The Superintendent shall consider the appropriate purpose for this assessment, including, but not necessarily limited to, support for the State Seal of Biliteracy and accountability. It is the intent of the Legislature that an assessment developed pursuant to this section be included in the state accountability system.
- (D) The Superintendent shall report and make recommendations to the state board at a regularly scheduled public meeting no sooner than one year after the first full administration of the consortium computer-adaptive assessments in English language arts and mathematics summative assessments in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, and grade 11, regarding an implementation timeline and estimated

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costs of a stand-alone language arts summative assessment in primary languages other than English.

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- (E) The Superintendent shall develop, and the state board shall adopt, a primary language assessment. The Superintendent shall administer this assessment no later than the 2016–17 school year.
- (F) This paragraph shall be operative only to the extent that funding is provided in the annual Budget Act or another statute for the purpose of this section.
- (c) No later than March 1, 2016, the Superintendent shall submit to the state board recommendations on expanding the CAASPP to include additional assessments, for consideration at a regularly scheduled public meeting. The Superintendent shall also submit these recommendations to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature and to the Director of Finance in accordance with all of the following:
- (1) In consultation with stakeholders, including, but not necessarily limited to, California teachers, individuals with expertise in assessing English learners and pupils with disabilities, parents, and measurement experts, the Superintendent shall make recommendations regarding assessments including the grade level, content, and type of assessment. These recommendations shall take into consideration the assessments already administered or planned pursuant to subdivision (b). The Superintendent shall consider the use of consortium-developed assessments, various item types, computer-based testing, and a timeline for implementation.
- (2) The recommendations shall consider assessments in subjects, including, but not necessarily limited to, history-social science, technology, visual and performing arts, and other subjects as appropriate, as well as English language arts, mathematics, and science assessments to augment the assessments required under subdivision (b), and the use of various assessment options, including, but not necessarily limited to, computer-based tests, locally scored performance tasks, and portfolios.
- (3) The recommendations shall include the use of an assessment calendar that would schedule the assessments identified pursuant to paragraph (2) over several years, the use of matrix sampling, if appropriate, and the use of population sampling.

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(4) The recommendations shall include a timeline for test development, and shall include cost estimates for subject areas, as appropriate.

- (5) Upon approval by the state board and the appropriation of funding for this purpose, the Superintendent shall develop and administer *the* approved assessments. The state board shall approve test blueprints, achievement level descriptors, testing periods, performance standards, and a reporting plan for each approved assessment.
- (d) For the 2013–14 and 2014–15 school years, the department shall make available to local educational agencies Standardized Testing and Reporting Program test forms no longer required by the CAASPP. The cost of implementing this subdivision, including, but not necessarily limited to, shipping, printing, scoring, and reporting per pupil shall be the same for all local educational agencies, and shall not exceed the marginal cost of the assessment, including any cost the department incurs to implement this section. A local educational agency that chooses to administer an assessment pursuant to this—section subdivision shall do so at its own expense, and shall enter into an agreement for that purpose with a contractor, subject to the approval of the department.
- (e) The Superintendent shall make available a paper and pencil version of any computer-based CAASPP assessment for use by pupils who are unable to access the computer-based version of the assessment for a maximum of three years after a new operational test is first administered.
- (f) (1) From the funds available for that purpose, each local educational agency shall administer assessments to each of its pupils pursuant to subdivision (b). As allowable by federal statute, recently arrived English learner pupils are exempted from taking the assessment in English language arts. The state board shall establish a testing period to provide that all schools administer these tests to pupils at approximately the same time during the instructional year. The testing period established by the state board shall take into consideration the need of local educational agencies to provide makeup days for pupils who were absent during testing, as well as the need to schedule testing on electronic computing devices.
- (2) For the 2013–14 school year, each local educational agency shall administer the field tests in a manner described by the

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department in consultation with the president or executive director of the state board. Additional participants in the field test beyond the representative sample may be approved by the department, and the department shall use existing contract savings to fund-district local educational agency participation in one or more tests per participant. Funds for this purpose shall be utilized used to allow for maximum participation in the field test tests across the state. To the extent savings in the current contract are not available to fully fund this participation, the department shall prorate available funds by test. Local educational agencies shall bear any additional costs to administer these assessments that are in excess of the contracted amount. With approval of the state board and the Director of Finance, the department shall amend the existing assessment contract to accommodate field testing beyond the representative sample, and to allow for special studies using information collected from the field tests.

(g) From the funds available for that purpose, each local educational agency shall administer assessments as determined by the state board pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (c).

- (h) As feasible, the CAASPP field tests shall be conducted in a manner that will minimize the testing burden on individual schools. The CAASPP field tests shall not produce individual pupil scores unless it is determined that these scores are valid and reliable.
- (i) The governing board of a school district may administer achievement tests in grades other than those required by this section as it deems appropriate.
- (j) The governing board of a school district may administer a primary language assessment aligned to the English language arts standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605 to a pupil identified as limited English proficient enrolled in any of grades 2 to 11, inclusive, who either receives instruction in his or her primary language or has been enrolled in a school in the United States for less than 12 months until a subsequent primary language assessment aligned to the common core standards in English language arts adopted pursuant to Section 60605.8 is developed pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). If the governing board of a school district chooses to administer this assessment, it shall notify the department in a manner determined by the department.

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(k) Pursuant to Section 1412(a)(16) of Title 20 of the United States Code, individuals with exceptional needs, as defined in Section 56026, shall be included in the testing requirement of subdivision (b) with appropriate accommodations in administration, where necessary, and those the individuals with exceptional needs who are unable to participate in the testing, even with accommodations, shall be given an alternate assessment.

- (l) (1) The Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for these purposes to local educational agencies to enable them to meet the requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (A) For the CAASPP field tests administered in the 2013–14 school year or later school years, the Superintendent shall apportion funds to local educational agencies if funds are specifically provided for this purpose in the annual Budget Act.
- (B) The Superintendent shall apportion funds to local educational agencies to enable them to administer assessments used to satisfy the voluntary Early Assessment Program in the 2013–14 school year pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b).
- (2) The state board annually shall establish the amount of funding to be apportioned to local educational agencies for each test administered and annually shall establish the amount that each contractor shall be paid for each test administered under the contracts required pursuant to Section 60643. The amounts to be paid to the contractors shall be determined by considering the cost estimates submitted by each contractor each September and the amount included in the annual Budget Act, and by making allowance for the estimated costs to-school districts local educational agencies for compliance with the requirements of subdivisions (b) and (c). The state board shall take into account changes to local educational agency test administration activities under the CAASPP, including, but not limited to, the-number, number and type of tests administered, administered and changes in computerized test registration and administration procedures, when establishing the amount of funding to be apportioned to local educational agencies for each test administered.
- (3) An adjustment to the amount of funding to be apportioned per test shall not be valid without the approval of the Director of Finance. A request for approval of an adjustment to the amount of funding to be apportioned per test shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Finance and the chairpersons of the fiscal

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committees of both houses of the Legislature with accompanying material justifying the proposed adjustment. The Director of Finance is authorized to approve only those adjustments related to activities required by statute. The Director of Finance shall approve or disapprove the amount within 30 days of receipt of the request and shall notify the chairpersons of the fiscal committees of both houses of the Legislature of the decision.

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- (m) For purposes of making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution, the appropriation for the approtionments made pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (*l*), and the payments made to the contractors under the contracts required pursuant to Section 60643 or subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 60605 between the department and the contractor, are "General Fund revenues appropriated for school districts," as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 41202, for the applicable fiscal year, and included within the "total allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B," as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 41202, for that fiscal year.
- (n) As a condition to receiving an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (l), a local educational agency shall report to the Superintendent all of the following:
- (1) The pupils enrolled in the local educational agency in the grades in which assessments were administered pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c).
- (2) The pupils to whom an achievement test was administered pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) in the local educational agency.
- (3) The pupils in paragraph (1) who were exempted from the test pursuant to this section.
- (o) The Superintendent and the state board are authorized and encouraged to assist postsecondary educational institutions to use the assessment results of the CAASPP, including, but not necessarily limited to, the grade 11 consortium summative assessments in English language arts and mathematics, for academic credit, placement, or admissions processes.
- (p) Subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act for this purpose, and exclusive of the consortium assessments, the Superintendent, with the approval of the state board, annually shall release to the public test items from the achievement tests pursuant

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to Section 60642.5 administered in previous years. Where feasible and practicable, the minimum number of test items released per year shall be equal to 25 percent of the total number of test items on the test administered in the previous year.

- (q) On or before July 1, 2014, Sections 850 to 868, inclusive, of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations shall be revised by the state board to conform to the changes made to this section in the first year of the 2013–14 Regular Session. The state board shall adopt initial regulations as emergency regulations to immediately implement the CAASPP assessments, including, but not necessarily limited to, the administration, scoring, and reporting of the tests, as the adoption of emergency regulations is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare within the meaning of Section 11346.1 of the Government Code. The emergency regulations shall be followed by the adoption of permanent regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).
- SEC. 8. Section 60641 of the Education Code is amended to read:
 - 60641. (a) The department shall ensure that local educational agencies comply with each of the following requirements:
 - (1) The achievement tests provided for in Section 60640 are scheduled to be administered to all pupils, inclusive of pupils enrolled in charter schools and exclusive of pupils exempted pursuant to Section 60640, during the period prescribed in subdivision (b) of Section 60640.
 - (2) For assessments that produce valid individual pupil results, the individual results of each pupil tested pursuant to Section 60640 shall be reported, in writing, to the parent or guardian of the pupil. The report shall include a clear explanation of the purpose of the test, the score of the pupil, and the intended use by the local educational agency of the test score. This subdivision does not require teachers or other local educational agency personnel to prepare individualized explanations of the test score of each pupil. It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in this section shall preclude a school or school district from meeting the reporting requirement by the use of electronic media formats that secure the confidentiality of the pupil and the pupil's results. State agencies

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or local educational agencies shall not use a comparison resulting from the scores and results of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) assessments and the assessment scores and results from assessments that measured previously adopted content standards.

- (3) (A) For assessments that produce valid individual pupil results, the individual results of each pupil tested pursuant to Section 60640 also shall be reported to the school and teachers of a pupil. The local educational agency shall include the test results of a pupil in his or her pupil records. However, except as provided in this section and Section 60607, personally identifiable pupil test results only may be released with the permission of either the pupil's parent or guardian if the pupil is a minor, or the pupil if the pupil has reached the age of majority or is emancipated.
- (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) and pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 60607, a pupil or his or her parent or guardian may authorize the release of individual pupil results to a postsecondary educational institution for the purpose of credit, placement, determination of readiness for college-level coursework, or admission.
- (4) The districtwide, school-level, and grade-level results of the CAASPP in each of the grades designated pursuant to Section 60640, but not the score or relative position of any individually ascertainable pupil, shall be reported to the governing board of the school district at a regularly scheduled meeting, and the countywide, school-level, and grade-level results for classes and programs under the jurisdiction of the county office of education shall be similarly reported to the county board of education at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- (b) The state board shall adopt regulations that outline a calendar for delivery and receipt of summative assessment results at the pupil, school, grade, district, county, and state levels. The calendar shall include delivery dates to the department and to local educational agencies. The calendar for delivery shall provide for the timely return of assessment results, and consider the amount of paper-and-pencil administered assessments and number of items requiring hand scoring. The calendar shall also ensure that individual assessment results are reported to local educational agencies within eight weeks of receipt by the contractor for scoring.

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(c) Aggregated, disaggregated, or group scores or reports that include the results of the CAASPP assessments, inclusive of the reports developed pursuant to Section 60630, shall not be publicly reported to any party other than the school or local educational agency where the pupils were tested, if the aggregated, disaggregated, or group scores or reports are comprised of 10 or fewer individual pupil assessment results. Exclusive of the reports developed pursuant to Section 60630, in no case shall any group score or report be displayed that would deliberately or inadvertently make the score or performance of any individual pupil or teacher identifiable.

(d) For researchers or research entities identified in subdivision (f) of Section 49079.5 or subdivision (c) of Section 49079.7, as applicable, the CAASPP scores and results may be released only in compliance with federal and state privacy laws, including, but not limited to, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g).

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- (e) The department shall ensure that pupils in grade 11, or parents or legal guardians of those pupils, may request results from grade 11 assessments administered as part of the CAASPP for the purpose of determining credit, placement, or readiness for college-level coursework be released to a postsecondary educational institution.
- SEC. 9. Section 60643 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 60643. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the contractor or contractors of the achievement tests provided for in Section 60640 shall comply with all of the conditions and requirements of the contract to the satisfaction of the Superintendent and the state board.
- (b) (1) The department shall develop, and the Superintendent and the state board shall approve, a contract or contracts to be entered into with a contractor in connection with the test provided for in Section 60640. The department may develop the contract through negotiations. In approving a contract amendment to the contract authorized pursuant to this section, the department, in consultation with the state board, may make material amendments to the contract that do not increase the contract cost. Contract amendments that increase contract costs may only be made with

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the approval of the department, the state board, and the Department of Finance.

- (2) For purposes of the contracts authorized pursuant to this subdivision, the department is exempt from the requirements of Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code and from the requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 999) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code. The department shall use a competitive and open process utilizing standardized scoring criteria through which to select a potential administration contractor or contractors for recommendation to the state board for consideration. The state board shall consider each of the following criteria:
- (A) The ability of the contractor to produce valid and reliable scores.
- (B) The ability of the contractor to report accurate results in a timely fashion.
- (C) Exclusive of the consortium assessments, the ability of the contractor to ensure technical adequacy of the tests, inclusive of the alignment between the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress tests and the state-adopted content standards.
 - (D) The cost of the assessment system.
- (E) The ability and proposed procedures to ensure the security and integrity of the assessment system.
- (F) The experience of the contractor in successfully conducting statewide testing programs in other states.
- (3) The contracts shall include provisions for progress payments to the contractor for work performed or costs incurred in the performance of the contract. Not less than 10 percent of the amount budgeted for each separate and distinct component task provided for in each contract shall be withheld pending final completion of all component tasks by that contractor. The total amount withheld pending final completion shall not exceed 10 percent of the total contract price for that fiscal year.
- (4) The contracts shall require liquidated damages to be paid by the contractor in the amount of up to 10 percent of the total cost of the contract for any component task that the contractor through its own fault or that of its subcontractors fails to substantially perform by the date specified in the agreement.

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(5) The contracts shall establish the process and criteria by which the successful completion of each component task shall be recommended by the department and approved by the state board.

- (6) The contractors shall submit, as part of the contract negotiation process, a proposed budget and invoice schedule, that includes a detailed listing of the costs for each component task and the expected date of the invoice for each completed component task.
- (7) The contract or contracts subject to approval by the Superintendent and the state board under paragraph (1) and exempt under paragraph (2) shall specify the following component tasks, as applicable, that are separate and distinct:
- (A) Development of new tests or test items.
- (B) Test materials production or publication.
- (C) Delivery or electronic distribution of test materials to local educational agencies.
 - (D) Test processing, scoring, and analyses.
- (E) Reporting of test results to the local educational agencies, including, but not necessarily limited to, all reports specified in this section.
- (F) Reporting of valid and reliable test results to the department, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following electronic files:
- (i) Scores aggregated statewide, and by county, school district, school, and grade.
- (ii) Disaggregated scores based on English proficiency status, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic disadvantage, foster care status, and special education designation.
- (G) All other analyses or reports required by the Superintendent to meet the requirements of state and federal law and set forth in the agreement.
- (H) Technology services to support the activities listed in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive.
- (I) Perform regular performance checks and load simulations to ensure the integrity and robustness of the technology system used to support the activities listed in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive.
- 38 SEC. 10. Section 60643.6 of the Education Code is amended 39 to read:

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60643.6. A local educational agency shall be reimbursed by the contractor selected pursuant to this article for any unexpected expenses incurred due to scheduling changes that resulted from the late delivery of testing materials in connection with the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress.

SEC. 11. Section 60648 of the Education Code is amended to read:

60648. Exclusive of consortium summative assessments, the Superintendent shall recommend, and the state board shall adopt, performance standards on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress summative tests administered pursuant to this article. The performance levels shall identify and establish the minimum performance required for meeting a particular achievement level expectation. Once adopted, these standards shall be reviewed by the state board every five years to determine whether adjustments are necessary.